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OFFICERS:

W. H. H. FANCHER,

Moderator.

S. B. DOBBINS,

Clerk.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

W. T. WEEKS, R. L. WEBB, JOHN ADAMS.

NEXT MEETING:

PLACE--Self Creek Church, Oktibbeha County, Miss., 8 miles South of
Maben, 10 miles North of Sturges, and 12 miles West of Starkville.

TIME--Saturday before the First Sunday in October, 1905, 10 o'clock, A. M.

DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION:

J. H. D. Watson, Alternate, B. E. Watson,

HARMON PUB. CO., Jackson, Miss.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organization.
2. Call for Petitionary Letters.
3. Call for Correspondence.
4. Appointment of Special Committees.
5. Miscellaneous Business.
6. Report on Missions.
7. Report on Systematic Giving.
8. Report on Sunday Schools.
9. Report on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education.
10. Reports on Publications.
11. Report on Temperance.
12. Report on Sustentation.
13. Report on Obituaries.
14. Report on Orphanage.
15. Report of S. B. C. Delegate.
16. Report of Treasurer.
17. Report of Executive Committee.
18. Report of Finance Committee.
19. Appointment of Standing Committees.
20. Prayer.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

N. Q. Adams, Sturges.
 David Burney, Ackerman.
 Moses Black, Ackerman.
 C. H. Dobbs, Mathiston.
 W. A. Edwards, Ackerman.
 W. H. H. Faucher, French Camp.
 G. W. Henson, French Camp.
 G. S. Jenkins, Maben.
 Joseph Peacock, Bankston.
 J. T. Pearson, Longview.
 J. H. D. Watson, Weir.
 B. E. Watson, Weir.
 Jasper Watson, Maben.
 J. R. Nutt, Ackerman.
 J. L. Smith, Weir.
 E. L. Taylor, Ackerman.
 M. A. Carr, McCool.
 F. R. Burney, Huntsville.

HISTORICAL TABLE.

CLERK.

MODERATOR.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

PLACE.

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DATE	PLACE.	INTRODUCTORY SERMON.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.
1892	Chester	Organization	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1893	Fellowship	J. H. D. Watson	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1894	Bear Creek	H. M. Dong	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1895	Bethlehem	W. H. H. Fancher	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1896	Providence	Charles L. Lewis	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1897	Pleasant Ridge	David Burney	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1898	Bluff Springs	G. S. Jenkins	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1899	Meunt Piegah	M. L. Oswalt	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1900	Beulah	N. Q. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1901	Ackerman	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1902	Poplar Creek	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1903	Spring Hill	W. H. H. Fancher	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1904	Clear Springs.	N. Q. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs

LICENTIATES.

W. P. Griffin, Ackerman.
J. E. Perry, Chester.
John Perry, Chester.
Samual Gordan, Chester.
J. B. Worrell, Fentress.
H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman.
W. F. Brown, Clinton.
S. A. Wilson, Sturges.
W. T. Crowson, Chester.
J. J. Franklin, Eupora.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—J. R. Nutt, Money Adams and J. M. Harris.
Systematic Giving,—J. R. W. Foster, B. C. McGarity and J. M. Murphy.
Sunday Schools—W. A. Taylor, W. A. Wilson and G. A. Skidmore.
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PROCEEDINGS.

The Chester Baptist Association met in its Twelfth Annual Session with Clear Springs Church, Choctaw County, Miss, at 10 O'clock A. M. on Saturday October the 1st 1904.

The Association was called to order by the moderator, Rev. W. H. H. Faucher, the Congregation singing How Firm a Foundation. The moderator then read the 90th division of the Psalm after which was led in prayer by Rev. F. R. Burney.

The Moderator appointed Rev. E. O. Neely, J. P. Williams, J. H. Holly and J. H. Landrum on Finance Committee.

Rev. N. Q. Adams, and J. R. W. Foster was appointed reading Clerks when the church letters were read and the following list of delegates enrolled from same to wit:

Self Creek—D. Sherman, R. C. Crow, and E. O. Neely.

Ruhama—J. R. W. Foster, B. C. McGarity, J. M. Murphy and Will Edwards alternate.

Fellowship—J. E. Cummings, C. D. Narmon, T. M. Jones and J. W. Franklin Alternate.

Providence—J. H. D. Watson, D. E. Meredith, Jesse McIntire and W. J. Blain, alternate.

McCurtains Creek—C. C. Shereley, C. H. Buss and Will Nail.

Bethany—Cleveland Prewitt, T. A. Bruce, W. Stedman and J. P. Jones, alternate.

Bethlehem—W. T. Weeks, E. L. Taylor and E. Snow.

Bear Creek—J. H. Landrum, D. Landrum, J. A. Beal and E. B. Roberts, alternate.

Sturges—Alex Stroud, D. O. Morgan and R. L. Weeb.

Double Springs—S. A. Reed, J. L. Neely, T. C. Achibald and F. W. Fulgham, alternate.

Spring Hill—J. P. Williams, Thomas Stedman, J. T. Fonden and W. W. Kellum, alternate.

Clear Spring—James Smith, J. W. Ramage, Tom Rosemond and J. P. Biggers alternate.

Pleasant Ridge—Rev. N. Q. Adams, J. R. McIntire, Rev. S. A. Wilson, and W. T. Sullivan alternate.

Ackerman—Rev. J. R. Nutt, H. L. Rhodes, S. B. Dobbs, J. I. Johnson alternate.

Woods Springs—W. A. Woods, Tommie Fox, Jasper Dean.

Poplar Creek—Johnson Vail, W. H. Dyse, V. P. Applewhite G. L. Townsend alternate.

French Camp—Rev. W. H. H. Faucher, W. A. Taylor, C. W. Burks and W. A. Fair and J. E. Wilson, alternate,

New Zion—J. W. Rickles, D. T. Franks J. L. Weatherall and J. T. Weatherall.

Mt Olivet—J. T. McKee, J. W. Butler, R. M. Cotton. alternate.

Wake Forest—R. E. Hannah, D M Berry, James Woodson and D. L. Walker alternate.

Mt Moriah—J. H. Kite Sam Pewitt J. M. Best J. T. Howard, alternate.

■ Mt Pisgah—C. S. Bowles, W. M. Bowles J T Allen B F Bollis alternate,

Blythe Creek —M Brooks Henry Livingston, T. A. Hester and F. T. Milligan.

Beulah—J. M. Smith, Tom Thompson, Grover Eddleman and John Pilcher.

Bluff Springs—P. H. Bagwell, J. E. Gregg, W. P. Peoples T. J. Lindsey, alternates.

Sykes Chapel—George Hall, R. B. Lewis and T. G. Sanders.

New Haven—J. M. Fair, W. F. Adams J. A. Chamblee, and J. H. Tabor, alternates.

Ebenezer—W. J. Neely, J. A. Vaughan, R. H. Box, G. T. Box and B. F. Pearson, alternates.

Fentress—J. B. Worrell, J. H. Prewitt, W. J. Barson and R. D. Prewitt, alternates.

New Hope—J. H. Heflin, W. W. Carpenter.

Crape Creek—J. W. Wills, F. R. Burny, W. E. Knight, and T. A. Singleton, alternates.

The hour for preaching having arrived, the association suspended business to hear the introductory sermon which was preached by Rev. N. Q. Adams from a part of the 12th verse

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of 1st chapter of 2nd Timothy "For I know whom I have believed," at close of which on motion the association went into a permanent organization. The moderator then appointed F. R. Burney, and M. U. Rhodes as tellers, who after taking the vote of the delegates announced, that Rev. W. H. H. Faucher was elected Moderator and S. B. Dobbs Clerk.

On motion the association then adjourned until half past one o'clock,

AFTERNOON SESSION

Half past one o'clock Association Assembled, Congregation singing "Did Christ O'er Sinners Weep."

On call for Petitionary letters, The Crape Creek Church of the Kosciusko Association presented a petitionary letter and on motion was received into this association upon obtaining a letter of withdrawal from the Kosciusko Association whereupon the moderator extended the delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the association.

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following Messengers Present, Kosciuske Association
F. R. Burney, M. U. Rhodes and Rev. J. D. Burns.
Louisville—J. T. Seargent,
Columbus—J. R. Jefferson.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Kosciusko—W. J. Frazier.
Delegates to the State Convention—Rev. J. R. Nutt. H. L. Rhodes, Rev. N. Q. Adams, Rev. W. H. H. Faucher, Rev. J. H. D. Watson and S. B. Dobbs.

The Moderator then appointed the Pastor and deacons of Clear Springs Church together with W. T. Weeks and D. M. Berry on devotional exercise,

The Committee then made the following report on.

MISSIONS.

God is the author of the Doctrine of Missions. His word is our final source of authority on all questions that concerns his

Kingdom. No more vital question confronts the Churches of Christ today than the world wide question of Missions.

Christ said "Go into all the world" and that should settle the question with every obedient Child of God, if we love God, if we love Christ and the perishing millions of earth that are lost in sin, we should give heed to the great commission of Christ "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Gost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have Commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even into the end of the world;

Pauls visions in the night "Come over into Macadonia and help us" should touch our hearts and ring in our ears until our souls are filled with Sympathy and love for those who have never heard of the name of Christ and of the boundless love of God.

For the sake of Convenience our Missions work is divided into three departments State Home and Foreign Missions.

I—State Missions. Certainly, no one will deny that first of all, we should seek to develop our own people and take into the destitute places of our State the glorious riches of the gospel of Christ, this department of our missions work is under the direct Control of the State Mission Board of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Dr. A. V. Rowe is the efficient secretary, and is always on the alert, looking after the interest of the Master's Kingdom in every section of our State.

II—Home Missions. The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist State Convention is located in Atlanta, Ga. Dr. B. D. Gray is the corresponding secretary. It is to this Board and to the coause of Home Missions that we look for the religious growth and developement of the destitute places of our South-Zion. The cause of Home Missions should be dear to the heart of every child of God. Christ not only commanded his disciples to preach the gospel in Jerusalem and in all Judea, but in words that cannot be misunderstood he commanded them to preach the word in Samaria. "The Jews have no dealings with the Samaritians," but nevertheless, they were commanded by

our Lord to preach the Gospel and God will fail to give

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After being discussed the report was adopted by The Committee

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our Lord to preach the gospel in Samaria, and no loyal child of God will fail to give heed to his blessed command.

To the cause of Home Missions last year the Baptist of Mississippi gave the sum of \$8209 64, this is a small amount but an increase over that of the year before. Let us hope and pray that the amount this year may be increased by a still larger per cent.

III—Foreign Missions. The Command of Christ to preach his gospel has a world wide sweep. The Command is; "Go ye therefore, and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" Nothing but the world at the Cross will ever Satisfy the heart of the Son of God. It was for the world that he died, and God's promise to his Son is nothing less than the "heathen for an inheritance and the uttermost part of the earth for a possession."

God's promises to his Son Can never fail, but the means by which this is to be brought about is through the spirit of Foreign Missions, To his churches Christ has committed the oracles of God with the most soleum commission to carry them to the ,uttermost parts of the earth. The work is slow but sure, there were baptized in the foreign fields last year two thousand and seventy six converts by the Missionaries of our Foreign Mission Board. The reports which come back to us from the workers of the field are glorious indeed, and dull must be the ear that cannot be touched by their appeals for sympathy and help, there are on the fields today 158 Missionaries and 215 Native helpers and to their support the Baptist of Mississippi gave last year the sum of \$18 811.89 Christ for the world and the world for Christ should be our Motto in the years that are to come.

H. L. Rhodes.

After being discussed by H. L. Rhodes and J. R. Nutt, the report was adopted.

The Committee made the following report on

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

Your Committee on systematic giving beg leave to submit the following report:

System in Christian giving is indispensible in order to

successful church work. We believe the greatest need of our churches just now is system. Our people are benevolent and ready to give to every good work, if the matter was properly brought before them. Since God has commanded us to perform certain duties, such as aiding the poor and needy, and giving to the spread of the gospel, etc. And the performance of such duties requires the use of our means to a certain extent. Some method should be adopted which would enable us to perform them with regularity and efficiency. Since God requires a gift from every one, we should adopt a system or plan that would reach each member of the church as far as practical so that every one might be enlisted in this great work. The best system that we know of we find laid down in Paul's letter to the church at Corinth. 1st Cor. 11:2: We read "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by in store as God hath prospered him." That is God's plan and one that cannot be improved on because it is the best one.

J. H. D. WATSON.

Which after discussion by H. L. Rhodes was adopted:

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and the place for the holding of the next association was taken up. When the petitions of Self Creek and Bethany Churches were placed before the Association and vote taken which resulted in favor of Self Creek Church, which is 10 miles north of Sturgis in Octibbeha County, 12 miles west of Starkville and about 8 miles southeast of Mabur.

The Committee on devotional exercise made a partial report as follows:

That tomorrow at eleven o'clock Bro. J. R. Nutt is appointed to preach in the church our J. R. Jefferson in the grove.

On motion the association adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The Baptist Sunday School Convention of Chester Association convened at 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. R. Nutt. The President then appointed the fol-

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The Ackerman school was the only one in the Association to send separate delegates sending the following: Prof. T. W. Berry, Miss Maggie Lucas, Everett Cole, Miss Mary Power and J. P. Johnson.

On Motion W. J. Wilson of French Camp and J. H. Landrum of Bear Creek were seated as delegates from their respective schools. While the committee was preparing the report the convention listened to addresses by Brethren J. R. Nutt, W. H. H. Fancher, J. W. Vale, J. R. Jefferson and F. R. Burney.

Rev. G. D. Weatherall then read the following report which was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submit the following for your consideration.

No. of schools reported last year,	14.
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No. of Pupils enrolled last year	464
No. of pupils enrolled this year.	539
No. of conversions last year	24
No. of conversions this year	40

We notice that some of the churches that had Sunday Schools half of the year made no report of them in their letters so we had to get some of the above statistics from the delegates; therefore we would suggest that every church that has a Sunday School, if for only a part of the year, make a report of same in their letter to the Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. D. WEATHERALL,

For Committee.

Rev. W. A. Taylor read the report on credentials and statistics, which was adopted, [see table].

The convention then adjourned for preaching service. Rev. J. R. Nutt preached from the pulpit. Text John 16:7.

Rev. J. R. Jefferson preached in the grove, Text Rev. 6:17 at the close of the sermons collection for associational purposes were taken which amounted to \$18.00

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention came to order at 1:30 o'clock by singing How Firm a Foundation. On motion the Convention then went into the election of officers for another year which resulted as follows:

President.....	S. B. Dobbs
Vice-President, 1st district.....	E. L. Taylor
Vice President, 2d district.....	W. A. Taylor
Secretary.....	H. L. Rhodes

On motion the convention then adjourned.

S. B. DOBBS, President,
H. L. RHODES, Secretary.

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Ackerman	S. B. Dobbs	Everett Cole	S. B. Con.	4	50	\$18.00		6.19	8
Blythe Creek	F. T. Mullings	Lela Weeks	S. B. Con.	3	30	4.60			2
Double Springs	N. M. Moon	S. A. Reed	S. B. Con.	4	67	1.70			10
French Camp	J. J. Carter	J. O. Carter	S. B. Con.	5	40				
Spring Hill	J. O. Beach	G. L. Tollerson	xx						
Ebenezer	xx								
New Haven	J. N. Franks	J. H. Chamblee	S. B. Con.	2	15	9.00			1
Poplar Creek	J. W. Vail	W. A. Dyer Jr	S. B. Con.	5	75	5.00			9
Pleasant Ridge	L. C. Funderberg	Mollie Funderburg	S. C. Con.	3	40	5.00			1
Beulah	xx								2
Ruhama	B. C. McGarty			3					
Wake Forest	D. M. Berry	A. E. Green	S. B. Con.	4	40	2.80			3
Bear Creek	J. H. Word	A. M. Wade	S. B. Con.	3	25				
Self Creek	F. Priest	Dorinda Neely	S. B. Con.	6	50	3.00			
New Hope									
Woods Springs									
Total					\$ 5 57	\$ 44 10		6 19	36

After preaching service at 2:00 o'clock p. m., at which time Rev. W. H. H. Fancher preached from the pulpit and Rev. J. T. Sargeant preached in the grove.

The Association resumed business and the Committee made the following report

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Mississippi College and Ministerial Education, beg leave to make the following report, Mississippi College—A full report of this institution was given in the associational minutes of 1903. Concerning its establishment and changes from one denomination to another, and the hardships through which it passed, since it fell as a blessing from God into the hands of Mississippi Baptist.

Rev. W. T. Lowrey the president tells us in the last issue of the Baptist that the college opened with about 322, and still they come.

Every house in Clinton will shortly be filled with boys and by Christmas boys will have to be turned away for want of room. The great question with Mississippi College and Clinton now is not how many boys are we going to get, but what are we going to do with them.

Rev. J. L. Low pastor at Laurel has given \$100, Dr. S. M. Ellis has also given \$100 and offers to give the name of another who has given the same.

The President further states that if Mississippi Baptists will give \$100.000 and make room for its boys, 800 boys will be found in college in five years.

We would especially emphasize the fact that every Baptist preacher in this Association will lose a golden opportunity if he does not bring the matter before his church and make an earnest appeal that he and his people may be blessed of God, by giving their money that poor boys may be educated and many of them for God.

There are 30 young preachers at this College today who are looking back toward home and saying to we baptists: Who

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have plenty and to share. How long may I stay here and prepare myself to do Gods work. Dear brethren, it is yours to build this house for 800 boys.

It is yours and God will bless you for it to keep those young preachers in school that they may make efficient workmen in the vineyard of the Lord. About \$1,000 is the amount the Mississippi baptists have been giving for ministerial education. The President of the Board this year calls for \$2,000 and we can give it and never miss it.

W. A. TAYLOR,
Chairman.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

Half past eight o'clock, a. m., Oct. 3rd, 1904, Association convened pursuant to adjournment.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator and after reading the 6 h chapter of Gallatins was lead in prayer by W. J. Wilson. The Moderator then appointed the following standing committe to wit:

Missions. J. R. Nutt, Money Adams and J. M. Harris.

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Orphanage. J. J. Carter and E. P. Wilson.

Nominations. I. Neely, D. Landrum and D. M. Berry.
The committee made the following report on

TEMPERANCE.

We regard the subject of temperance as one of great importance, and one that should have the prayerful consideration of every Christian in the land. It is unnecessary to speak of the evils of intemperance; it is universally admitted by liquor dealers themselves; the use of whisky as a beverage is one of the greatest evils that can be indulged by any person that loves his church and country and humanity; it has been the wreck of many happy homes and has sent thousands of human souls to destruction. It has made more widows and orphans than all other causes combined; it cripples our churches; it has great influence in our legislature and to some extent in the Congress and senate of the United States; it almost controls our ballot boxes. It is absolutely alarming to think of its influence.

Now where is the remedy? The preaching of the gospel in its purity, is one of the best remedies in driving this evil from our land; if every professed christian would cease to drink liquors; if every wife, mother and daughter would refuse to associate with, or countenance those who sell or drink; if every christian voter would refuse to cast his ballot for any one; for any office, who drinks or advocates the sale of the same; if these rules were adopted, these evils would cease. The best rule that can be adopted by Christians is "touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing" and when a moral vote comes up, let our votes be counted on the side of righteousness, in other words, let our money, our influence and our votes be against this evil; then and not till then will we be a contented, happy and prosperous people.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. W. FOSTER,

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After being discussed by J. R. W. Foster, Willie Fox and others, the report was adopted.

On motion the speeches on all subjects except on the report on publications and the orphanage were limited to five minutes.

The committee made the following report on

SUSTENTATION.

We your committee on sustentation beg leave to make the following report:

It is a well known fact that we have some very poor and needy persons in some of our churches, and they should be looked after and their wants supplied. Do we give the matter our careful and prayerful attention as we should? The Scriptures no doubt clearly teach that they should be cared for by the church to which they belong. But if their needs can not be supplied by the home church and relations of these unfortunate ones, then the church should apply to the Association or general brotherhood for help. Most of our churches give too little attention to this matter. Let us be more watchful and diligent about this matter in the future, for by giving to the poor and needy, we can serve the Lord acceptably, for Christ says "in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye did it unto me."

Respectfully submitted,

N. Q. ADAMS,

Chairman Committee.

Pending the discussion of this report, a collection was taken for the Rev. W. A. Edwards which amounted to \$25.00 after which the report was adopted.

The committee made the following report on the Mississippi Baptist.

ORPHANAGE.

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage is located in Jackson, Miss. It was chartered July 18, 1894, and its property is thereby vested in a Board of Trustees legally empowered to

hold property solely for the purpose of founding and maintaining an orphanage for white orphans in Mississippi.

After the Resignation of Dr. Foster, the Board of Trustees elected Rev. J. R. Carter as Superintendent of the orphanage, and he began his work September 1st 1903. Since Rev. Carter took charge of the orphanage as superintendent \$12,304.37 in cash has been raised and a debt of \$5,500 has been paid.

There isn't a more worthy object fostered by the Baptist of Mississippi than the Baptist Orphans Home.

Christ loved little little children and was touched with sympathy for them as they were brought to him for his blessings. How much more must he have been touched with love and compassion for those who had no home.

Your committee would earnestly recommend that every church in the Association take a special collection and send it to Bro Carter as a Thanksgiving offering.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. NUTT,
W. T. WEEKS, } Com.

Which after being discussed by J. R. Nutt, W. A. Taylor and F. R. Burney, was adopted.

The delegate the Southern Baptist Convention made his report which was adopted.

On motion, N. Q. Adams, delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention was allowed \$16.35 for his expenses.

The Association then went into an election of a delegate to the next Southern Baptist Convention which resulted in the election of Rev. J. H. D. Watson as delegates and B. E. Watson, alternates.

The Treasurer made his report which was in the words and figures as follows to wit:

TREASURERS REPORT.

To the Chester Association:

I beg to submit the following report of all the moneys received and disbursed since last report.

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Oct. 5.	Recd. for minutes Finance committee	\$ 13 95	
Oct. 4.	Recd. for Foreign Missions	21 46	
Oct. 5.	Received for Home Missions	12 35	
Oct. 5.	Received for State Missions	1 50	
Oct. 5.	Received for Missions	10 00	
Oct. 5.	Recd. for Association purposes	37 59	
Oct. 5.	Received for W. A. Edwards	37 15	
Oct. 5.	Received for Orphanage	22 35	
Nov. 24.	Recd. for Mt. Morriah Church	3 00	
Oct. 20.	Amount paid to Orphans		\$22 35
Oct. 20.	Amount paid to Various Missions, per receipt		44 41
Oct. 20.	Amount paid to H. L. Rhodes, D. S. C.		25 00
Oct. 20.	Amount paid to Bro. W. A. Edwards		37 55
Oct. 20.	Amount paid to clerk		10 00
Oct. 20.	Amount paid to Printing Minutes		25 00
Oct. 20.	Amount paid to Express and Postage		6 00
Nov. 24.	Amount paid to Orphanage from Mt. Mariah Church		3 00
		\$176 85	\$173 31
	Cash on hand to bal.		3 54
		\$176	\$176 85

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. Dobbs, treasurer.

On motion the report was adopted:

The committee made the following report on Publications.

Every body should read the Bible, because it is the only true guide to the present life, and to the life to come. It teaches them how to live and how to die. It teaches how to treat our fellow-man. It instructs in political economy, social order, and domestic relations, it exalts the home, it teaches the truest patriotism and the bravest devotions to uprightness and truth. The man who reads the Bible and lives the Bible is thoroughly furnished unto every good work.

The man who neglects the Bible cannot think right, at right, or be right.

To day there is neglect of God's word, yes a gradual drifting away from its high standard. If we neglect the Bible what will be the heritage which will be passed down to succeeding generations? The neglected Bible means a forgotten God, and a forgotten God means ruin and destruction.

We recommend the Baptist published at Jackson, Miss., as one means of spreading the gospel. We also recommend the Foreign Missions Journal, the Orphanage Gem. They should be read by all Baptists.

For all Sunday school literature, the periodicals by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,

B. C. MCGARITY,

B. E. WATSON,

RUFUS D. PREWITT.

After discussion by B. C. McGarity, S. D. McCarty, J. R. Nutt, and others were adopted.

The committee made the following report on Finance:

We, your committee, beg leave to submit the following financial report to wit:

Oct. 1st.	Amount paid for Minutes.....	\$32 75
Oct. 1st.	Amount paid for Foreign Missions.....	20 35
Oct. 1st.	Amount paid for Home Missions.....	12 75
Oct. 1st.	Amount paid for State Missions.....	14 05
Oct. 1st.	Amount paid for Orphanage.....	17 50
Oct. 1st.	Amount paid for Associational Purpose.....	16 00
Oct. 1st.	Amount paid for Associational Collection.....	18 50
Oct. 1st.	Amount paid for Ministerial Education.....	14 50
Oct. 1st.	Amount paid for Bro. W. A. Edwards.....	25 01

Total amount collected..... \$169 01

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LANDRUM,

J. H. HALLEY,

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On motion the report was adopted:

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to-wit: That Bro. J. H. D. Watson preach the next introductory sermon; Bro. James L. Smith alternate,

Executive Committee: W. T. Weeks, R. L. Webb and John Adams which was adopted.

On motion the clerk was allowed \$10 00 for his service.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted: *

Resolved. That that the thanks of this association be tendered the membership of Clear Springs church, and community for their kindness shown the delegates and messengers of this associaton during our stay among them. The association then adjourned.

W. H. H. FAUCHER, moderator.

S. B. DOBBS, clerk.

(Note. Bro. W. A. Edwards desires to express his thanks through the minutes to the association for their kind remembrance of him.)

S. D. DOBBS, clerk.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

1—We believe in only one living God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; Dent; 6 4 Mark 12 29; 1st John, 5 7.

2—We believe the Scriptures Comprising the Old and New Testament are the words of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice. 2nd Timothy 3-16; Roman 10-18;

3—We believe in the doctrine of election and that God Chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world Eph. 1 4, 5, and 11; 2nd Thes. 2-13; Rom 9 11 and 11 5.

4—We believe in the doctrine of original Sin. Ps 51:15.
Rom. 7:14,17.

5—We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. Rom. 9 16; John 6 44:

6—We believe that Sinners are justified in the Sight of God; by the unpriced righteousness of Christ only, Roman 25 54; Col. 2 13;

7—We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, and Sanctified by the Holy Ghost. John 10:16; 1st Thesalonian 2:12; John 12:2; 1st Corinthian 6:11.

8—We believe the Saints shall be perserved in grace and never fall finally away-Colossiaus 3-3; 1st Peter 1-5.

9—We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subject of baptism and that by immersion only was the Apostolic practice—Mathew 28 19 26 and 27; Colossians 2-12, 'Rom. 6 3-5'

10 We believe in the resurrection after death, and in the general Judgement, and that the filicity of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal, John-5-20 28; 2nd Corinthians 5-10.

11—We believe that no Minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel but one who is regularly baptised Called and Come under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Eph 4:5; 1st Cor. 9:15; Acts 14:23; 1st Tim 4:14

12—We believe that none but regular baptised believers have a right to Commune at the Lords table. Acts 2 41-42; Thess. 3-6

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	STATISTICAL TABLE																		
	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairing.	Incidentals.	Visiting Ministers.	Sunday School Expenses.	The Poor.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Other Objects.	Sunday School Colportage.	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools.	Ministerial Education.	Mititerial Relief.	Printing Minutes.	Total.	
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Ackerman	\$ 400 00		\$35 16	46 36	\$18 00		\$ 2 00	\$41 00	2 00	2 65	\$0 00		\$11 19				1 25	700 20
Bethlehem	42 00			7 15			1 00			3 80			5 15				1 00	20 20
Blythe Creek	109 00			8 71	2 80		1 00	2 40	5 25	4 05			5 35				1 00	57 55
Bear Creek				16 30						1 00			1 00				1 50	146 85
Bethany	125 00	68 70		9 90			1 00	1 00	5 35	5 40			3 10				1 50	209 95
Beulah									1 00	1 00			2 00				1 00	17 00
Bluff Springs																		6 00
Clear Springs																		1 70
Center Grove	45 00	26 00	2 45	1 56	4 60		1 00	1 00					1 00				1 50	61 80
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Double Springs				45 40													1 00	21 00
Ebenezer				6 45													2 00	323 74
Fellowship	200 00	10 00	18 10	1 71	1 71		1 00	12 25	19 00	13 75	1 50		19 50				4 20	147 60
French Camp								2 50	2 30	2 50	8 00		1 00				75	13 55
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Mt. Olivet	45 00		4 75	11 35			1 00	3 75	5 00				1 75				1 00	3 50
Mt. Moriah																		135 51
Mt. Pisgah	100 00			22 00				1 00	8 75	3 00							1 25	229 50
New Zion	22 00	300 00		7 00			1 75		1 00	1 80							1 00	216 25
New Haven	50 00	150 00		11 00			2 80										1 00	73 25
New Hope				10 00													1 35	204 45
Pleasant Ridge				4 15													1 00	61 35
Providence	93 00	85 00	1 75					4 65	3 35	3 35			2 60				1 00	68 15
Poplar Creek	48 00			11 00				3 50	2 00	4 00			1 65				1 50	65 50
Ruhama	50 00			5 00				2 20	2 00								50	39 95
Spring Hill				3 15													1 00	146 80
Stargis	35 40			12 00				1 40	1 65	1 00							1 00	43 40
Spikes Chapel	37 80	90 00						1 00									75	
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STATISTICAL TABLE No. 2.

CHURCHES	PASTOR AND POST OFFICE	CLERK AND POST OFFICE	ADDED BY—			LOST BY—			Total	Total	Total	Organized	Value of Church Property
			Baptism	Letter	Restoration	Increase	Letter	Exclusion	Death	Decrease	Members		
Ackerman	J. R. Nutt, Ackerman	J. H. Jounson, Ackerman	9	6		14	10	3	1	13	120	1885	1 000
Bethlehem	J. H. D. Watson, Weir	John Black Ackerman	2			2				1	127	1835	500
Blythe Creek	N. Q. Adams, Sturges	T. A. Hester, Mathiston	3	3		3			2	2	117	1872	500
Beulah	T. J. Seargent, Ackerman	W. O. Steele, Weir	5	1		3	1	3		4	93	1861	500
Bethany	B. E. Watson, Weir	W. Sledman, Ackerman	16	15		31	15	7		7	71	1885	300
Bear Creek	W. H. H. Fancher F'h Cp.	N. H. Fancher & Co.	7	7		1	4	1	5	9	256		700
Bluff Springs	J. H. D. Watson, Weir	C. H. Franklin Eupora		3		3	6			2	139	1862	
Clear Springs	J. D. Burns Ethel	J. P. Biggers, Weir		2		1	3		1	4	68		300
Double Springs	Joseph Watson, Mabey	J. L. Neely, Mabey	4	4		1	3	1	1	9	138	1821	300
Ebenezer	F. R. Burney, Huntsville	J. A. Vaughan, Stewart	4	3		7	7	2		3	84	1874	300
Fellowship	F. H. Middleton Clark-on	J. M. Woodward Mathiston	4	2		6	10		1	11	84	1852	1 000
French Creek	J. R. Nutt, Ackerman	E. T. Wilson, F'h Cp.	13	10		23	5		1	6	71		300
Fantress	F. R. Burney, Huntsville	K. D. Prewitt, Ventress	1	6		7	9			1	44	1892	300
McCurtain's Cl	J. C. Peacock, Bankston	W. J. Trussell, Weir		2			3		1	4	37	1882	500
Mt Olivet	H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman	C. H. Butler Sturges	5			5					77	1847	300
Mt. Moriah	H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman	H. R. Kite, Weir	3	2		3	9		1	10	98	1845	
Mt. Pisgah	J. T. Carroll, Grady	B. F. Hollis, Mathiston	16	3		21	1	3	2	5	161		280
New Zion	W. H. H. Fancher F'h Cp	Rob. Keen Weir	8	1		10	11	6		17	116	1886	500
New Haven	J. H. D. Watson, Weir	J. A. Chambliss, Weir	3	3		3	3		2	5	60		500
Pleasant Ridge	N. B. Wallace, Lookfoma	W. W. Carpenter Stkville	3	1		4	4			2	22	1855	500
Providence	J. H. D. Watson Weir	J. A. Brown Bradley	10	5		15	15			3	144	1885	250
Poplar Creek	W. H. H. Fancher F'h Cp	L. J. Booth, Kilmachael	21	3		56	5	4	2	2	110	1849	500
Ruhama	W. H. H. Fancher F'h Cp	J. R. W. Foster Chester	2	2		1	5			6	64		400
Spring Hill	N. Q. Adams, Struges	W. W. Kilum Ackerman	10	3		2	2	1		6	126	1842	500
Sturges	Joseph Watson, Mabey	R. L. Webb Struggess		2		2	2			2	37	1886	500
Sykes Chapel	N. Q. Adams, Sturges	B. L. Lewis, Bradley	3			3	4				72	1901	300
Self Creek	N. Q. Adams, Sturges	E. O. Neely, Meber	2	2		4			1	1	54		400
Wake Forest	M. W. Black, Ackerman	G. R. Green Sturges	12	2		12	2			2	96	1889	600
Wood Springs	J. C. Peacock, Bankston	W. A. Woods, Tomnolen	4	3		7					36	1853	
Crape Creek	J. H. D. Watson Weir	E. Knight, Greer											
Total			267	88		9	254	31	21	146	2923		\$ 11 380

